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II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for forming a masonry unit, said method comprising the steps of:

raising a pallet to a bottom surface of a mold;

inserting a filler plug into the side of the mold between a partition plate and a pallet;

dispensing mix into the mold;

compressing the mix with a shoe; [[and]]

responsive to the compressing, forming a filler plug effect in the compressed mix whereby a masonry unit having a filler plug effect is provided; and

responsive to the compressing, forming a substantially constant angle of inclination between a front surface and opposing side surfaces, a top surface, and a bottom surface of the compressed mix corresponding to said masonry unit to be formed by compressing the mix with the shoe against opposing side gussets and the filler plug.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of removing the filler plug.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of stripping the architectural concrete masonry unit from the mold by lowering the pallet.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of forming includes forming a bottom bevel in the compressed mix such that a masonry unit with a bottom